

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:03 PM

Attendees: Commissioner Johnson, Patrick, Spears, Cochran Johnson, Terry, Bradshaw

Present 3 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, Robert Patrick, and Michelle Long Spears

I. MINUTES

2023-0827 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the June 27, 2023 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Patrick, and Long Spears

II. APPOINTMENT

[2023-0764](#) Commission District(s): All
Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Mollie Bogle
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Long Spears

Not Present: 1 - Patrick

-interview conducted by the committee to Ms. Bogle

III. DISCUSSION

Multi-Family Enforcement Team Update

-presentation provided by Director Hardy - Code Compliance and Dr. Kimble - Planning & Sustainability

-Question LJ: regarding close-down, does this include properties without the right business license but are able to still operate? Should we have the right to close them down right now?

-response provided by County Attorney Ernestes

-LJ: can you bring back a timeline on when these suggested next steps will occur? We will discuss again in September those next steps

-T Hardy: we will do; we would also like to be more creative in consent agreements; that will take the Solicitor being at the table as well. Additional comments provided by Director Hardy

-Question LJ: do you have best practices you can provide us as well on these ideas? If that's something you can bring back so that we can pay attention for those things

-Question RP: we do not currently have an international property maintenance code as an adopted document correct?

T Hardy: we do not; we have had conversations with the Law Department and are meeting this week with the Fire Marshall to discuss what we want to see in the IDMC regarding edits and adoptions. We expect to bring that back to this committee in the next 30 days regarding what that construct may be.

-Question RP: can you look into appropriate locations for dumpsters for multi-family developments. Something such as an ordinance that says 'this many units has this much capacity for storage'? Also regarding frequency, picking up once a week at a minimum. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-Question TT: has the complex that was in the news last week completed their interior code compliance certificate?

T Hardy: they currently don't have one and are on our list for a scheduled sweep. The last time we had them in court was September 2021 for that purpose as well as the condition of the property. Additional response provided by Director Hardy

-Question TT: are there updates on the 2023 data regarding your presentation?

-responses provided by Director Hardy

-Question TT: will this be a priority in the midyear budget?

-comments provided by COO Williams

-LJ: when you come back, I am looking for the program, the goals, the objectives, the budget amount, the implementation plan, the activities, etc. I'm looking for you all to flesh this out and give me a time frame.

-LJ: if you could have the implementation phase and the midyear adjustments budget back to the committee in August during the first committee meeting in August, then we can approve in the second meeting in August

-LCJ: regarding the ability to create rental registries - I would like to have this on the legislative agenda for this upcoming session. I want us to focus on state legislation that is encumbering us and tying our hands. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-LCJ: I am looking forward to a timeline to the remedy of the problems we face, as well as the role of the courts. I feel there needs to be strict guidelines - we need to be more swift here in DeKalb to ensure people are held accountable

Public Private Partnerships Proposed Regulation Status Update

-discussion provided by Attorney Welch

-Question MLS: Mr. DeBarr could you discuss the concerns you may have regarding this regulation?

-comments provided by President Dorian DeBarr - Decide DeKalb

-LCJ: my biggest issue with the draft was the formation of committees for review of proposals. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-Question LJ: how much time do you need on bringing this back?

M Welch: can we have 45 days?

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-MLS: motion to defer 45 days

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

Drive-Thru Facilities Text Amendment

-presentation provided by Brandon White - Zoning Manager

-Question LJ: are you saying that all drive throughs need to have a SLUP?

B White: yes sir

-Question LJ: could you discuss the history regarding this a while ago?

C Hudson: it was some time ago. Additional information provided by Director Hudson

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-responses provided by Mr. White

-Question LJ: are you saying we can deal with this now in a comprehensive way instead of piecemealing?

-response provided by Mr. White

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question MLS: why are you proposing this text amendment now? Is this something that can wait until the zoning code rewrite? Why is it the director of Planning & Sustainability that would waive instead of the BOC?

-responses provided by Mr. White

-Question MLS: is this an issue that you see?

B White: yes we receive inquiries about drive through car washes every day across the county; also different types of fast food establishments; we wanted to address this issue sooner rather than later. Additional responses provided by Mr.

White

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

IV. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-0553](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution to Establish an Environmental Justice Ad-Hoc Committee To Investigate to Make Recommendations to Mitigate Exposure to Marginalized Communities From Hazardous Waste, Resource Extraction, and Other Land Uses from Which These Communities Do Not Receive Benefits.

MOTION was made that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Patrick, and Long Spears

-agenda item not heard in committee

[2023-0554](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Reappropriate \$265,000 of Previously Allocated American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for the "John Jay College" Program for Violence Interrupters Towards the Newly Established Department of Human Services Violence Interrupter Program.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/25/2023 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

[2023-0526](#) Commission District(s): District 3, 6, and all commission districts
A Resolution to Encourage DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to End the Executive Order Closing Intrenchment Creek Park and to Reopen It to the Public As Soon As Possible

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/25/2023 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Meeting Ended At: 3:31PM

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Long Spears

Not Present: 1 - Patrick

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC